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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR MAURITANIA

REF: KRYZA/SMITH L7R 7/19/78

1. INITIAL INFORMAL SOUNDING ON SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED
REF. MSG. HAVE BEEN RATHER BLEAK GIVEN URGENCY AND
MAGNITUDE OF THE ASSISTANCE SOUGHT. HOWEVER, SHOULD
YOU WISH TO PURSUE THE SUBJECT WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING A FORMAL PROPOSAL BY TELEGRAM.

2. THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS ARE
OFFERED TO ASSIST YOU IN DEC-DING ON WHETHER TO SUBMIT
A FORMAL REQUEST:

(A) AID MIGHT EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF REORIENTING
SOME OF ITS PROJECTS SO AS TO ALTER DOLLAR FINANCING
OF COSTS IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR. THIS WOULD PROVIDE
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3UDGET SUPPORT WHICH WOULD ALSO CONSTITUTE BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS SUPPORT, BUT THE FIGURE WOULD BE VERY SMALL.

(B) THERE IS NO REAL POSSIBILITY OF SSA BEFORE FY 80.
WE ARE NOW WORKING ON A PROPOSAL FOR UPWARDS OF

100 MILLION DOLLARS IN SSA FOR USE IN FY 80 OUTSIDE

SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE A SMALL EARMARKING FOR MAURITANIA. HOWEVER, THE IDEA MAY NOT FLY IN THE END. NEITHER AID NOR OMB IS LIKELY TO SUPPORT IT. IT COULD ALSO SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT THE SDP. IF IT DOES FLY, THERE COULD BE MONEY FOR A PROGRAM LOAN FOR MAURITANIA.

(C) PL-480 TITLE III IS DESIGNED TO BE A GRANT. HOWEVER, IT TAKES A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING AND IS A SLOW PROCESS. MOREOVER, THE RATIONALE MUST BE DEVELOPMENTAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT A TITLE III PROGRAM FOR MAURITANIA LAST WINTER BETWEEN THE AID MISSION AND SHEAR'S OFFICE, BUT NOTHING EVER CAME OF IT, AND IT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN AID'S ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR FY 80.

(D) TITLE I IS A LOAN ON HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL TERMS. ALTHOUGH AID AND OMB RESIST A "POLITICAL" CASE, STATE GETS A FEW SUCH CASES THROUGH BY STRESSING POLITICAL RATIONALE. HOWEVER, WE ARE VERY LATE IN THE GAME FOR MAURITANIA. WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING FINAL FY 79 ALLOCATIONS, AND WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE A REQUEST FOR MAURITANIA.

3. HAS THE GIRM BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE IMF? A STANDBY AGREEMENT WOULD BE THE LOGICAL FIRST STEP IN GETTING CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS HOUSE IN ORDER. AS FOR URGENT SHORT-TERM BUDGET SUPPORT THE FRENCH REMAIN THE MOST LIKELY SOURCE.

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